

#### Mike Enzi, Chairman



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# BUDGET ROUNDUP: BUDGET COMMITTEE HEARS FROM STATES ON IMPROVING THE BUDGET PROCESS

#### **NEWS**

## Budget Committee Learns Lessons From States on Fixing America's Broken Budget Process

The Senate Budget Committee this week continued its work on fixing America's broken budget and spending process, with a focus on how different state budget processes work, and whether some state practices could be successfully applied to the federal level. Budget Committee Chairman Mike Enzi noted that the way Wyoming budgets and spends could provide important lessons for Congress on fiscal responsibility.



**DID YOU KNOW:** 

- <u>Forty-six states</u> have statutory or constitutional requirements to balance the budget, and the four states without such a requirement functionally balance their budget every year.
- Forty percent of states appropriate on a biennial cycle, which is a concept that could be applied to the federal level. This would give Congress more time to attend to executive branch oversight and policy development, and reduce the potential for government shutdowns. It would also create much needed predictability for federal agencies and the Americans who rely on the services they provide.

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## NEWS Enzi Works to Find More Ways to End Government Shutdowns

During a Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee markup this week, Senator Mike Enzi once again emphasized the need for Congress to work on passing legislation that would deter future government shutdowns.



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## SAVE THE DATE Budget Committee to Hold Hearing June 26 on Fixing a Broken Budget and

### **Spending Process: Securing the Nation's Fiscal Future**

The Senate Budget Committee will hold a hearing on Fixing a Broken Budget and Spending Process: Securing the Nation's Fiscal Future at **2:30pm on Wednesday, June 26, 2019, in the Dirksen Senate Office Building Room 608.** Testifying will be Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General, Government Accountability Office.